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HILO Y'S MEN AND WOMEN SERVICE CLUB

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75TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 2 - 4, 2013

Members & Friends in Celebration at Kilauea Lodge

Lily Chow Honors Y's Men & Women With Donation



MAHALO!! Duke, Lanny, Helen, Gary, Lance, Ray, Jimmy, June, Pat, Jeremy, Alyssa, Lily C. Fred, Linda, Rick, Morris, Myron, Cheryl, Joni, Lily I., Phyllis, Yasue, Lilian, Joy, Maurice, Ken, Bea and Ikuro. **Missing:** Sharon & Brad, Rep. Clif Tsuji. Lily Chow presented Lance Niimi with a \$1,000 donation in memory of her loving husband, Robert "Steamy" Chow who I had 44 years of service at the time of his passing in 2012. Thank you Lily & Family.

BIG MAHALO TO EVERYONE THAT HONORED 75TH ANNIVERSARY



On behalf of the **Hilo Y's Men & Women Service Club**, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who honored our 75 years of service. We must first honor the 25 chartered members who in 1938 had the vision and inspiration to serve the YMCA and community. We could not be where we are today, without the leadership and dedication of members like Milton Hakoda, Ben Inouye, Steamy Chow, Leslie Wung, Toshi Kawasaki, Thayer Nakamoto, Skinny Tahara and others who since have passed but we honor today. **Special MAHALO** Rep. Tsuji, RD Sharon Ishida & Brad who came just for the luncheon and to Y's Men & Women members, Ray Seto, Duke & Linda Chung, Rick Lau, Maurice Shimonishi & part-time Hilo resident, Gary Bautista for celebrating the weekend with us at KMC. The weather was great, the accommodations were cozy, the food 'palatable' (Duke's words) and the fellow-

was just awesome!! Thanks to June Niimi, we gave "**Aloha Ono Goodie Bags**" filled with donated cookies, chips, McDonald's coupons to 25 military families staying at KMC the same time we were celebrating our anniversary.

I was unable to attend the anniversary luncheon due to the passing of my brother on Kauai but received many wonderful compliments about the event. Many, many thanks to Lance for serving as the Master of Ceremony.

Our warmest Mahalo to Lily Inouye, Pat Hakoda, Maurice Shimonishi MSS Travel Perks, Windward Y's Men, West Oahu Y's Men's, Nuuanu Y's Men & Women Service Club, Ben Franklin Craft Stores, Longs Drugs & Lily Chow for their monetary gifts.

WE KNOW HOW TO CELEBRATE!





Mahalo to our Brother Clubs, Osaka Tosabori Y's Men's Club, Y's Men's Club of Singapore and Taipei Central Y's Men's Clubs for their congratulatory messages. We appreciated the kind and warm words.

NEWS AROUND THE Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL

Y's Men International Area News



Poul V. Thomsen, International President 2013-14 honored us with a congratulatory message. He wrote, "I am honoured to be given the opportunity to send you a congratulatory message on behalf of all the Y's Men and Y's Women of the world". His theme for the year is "Go Ye into All the World".

Y's Men International US Area News



Debbie Richmond, US Area President also sent a congratulatory message for our 75th anniversary. "My hearty congratulations to the Hilo Y's Men and Women Service Club on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary this year. Indeed, Hilo Ys Men & Women Service Club is a fine example for other clubs, other leaders, and other YMCAs around the World. I am so proud and pleased to call this organization a **"Club of Distinction"**. *Congratulations to members, the families, and to the community for this wonderful group of dedicated people"*.

Y's Men International Hawaii Region News



Regional Director, Sharon Ishida 75th anniversary message included: "What a What a tremendous achievement for any club to reach a milestone of 75 years! On behalf of the Hawaii Region and your fellow Y's Men and Women, I congratulate each of your members, past and present, on the celebration of your 75th Anniversary! You truly exemplify a quote by Barbara Pletcher who wrote: **"The real winner in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better"**.

IN PARTNERSHIP: HILO Y'S MEN & WOMEN SERVICE CLUB & THE "Y".



Helen Hemmes, retired Hawaii Island United Way Executive Director and avid YMCA fitness member and co-member Bea Larson honored the Hilo Y's Men and Women Service Club with their attendance at the 75th Anniversary Luncheon at Kilauea Lodge & Restaurant. Thank you Helen and Bea!



Big Mahalo to CEO Fred Yamashiro for the Y Bus use!

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CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Their were many hands and hearts that connected to make the 75th Anniversary Celebration a reality. I want to especially thank June Niimi for all of her support and hard work. She spent hours preparing the priceless Anniversary Booklet, Goodie Bags for the military families and so much, much more. Lance, mahalo for stepping in and making the luncheon memorable & being the happy tour bus driver; Fred, Ken, Joni, Lanny, Gary and Ilyn for all the work and support that created an anniversary we will remember for a very long time.



Aloha & Mahalo . . . Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Club President

OUR MOTTO: To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right".

WE SERVE: Gary Bautista, Putty Clark, James Fujimoto, Steve Hirakami, Aaron Inouye, Gordon Inouye, Les Isemoto, Danielle Kualii, Bernie Kualilani, Dr. Milton Murasaki, Ilyn Narciso, Joni Neel, Lanny Neel, June Niimi, Lance Niimi, Tracey Niimi, Ken Okimoto, Oscar Panem, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Fred Yamashiro. **Honorary Members:** Harold Tanouye, Lily Inouye, Lily Chow

MEETINGS: 2nd Wed. QLCC Office 7 PM & 4th Wed. Hilo Rice Noodle Restaurant 6 PM

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